inde amor et connubium. Madame de Sillery contributed to the success of the artifice.

The extravagance of the French is scarcely credible, and nothing in England ever equalled it, at least that I ever heard of. The *trousseau* of Mademoiselle de Matignon, who is going to marry the Baron de Montmorency, is to cost a hundred thousand crowns (about £25,000 sterling). There are to be a hundred dozen of shifts, and so on in proportion. The expense here of rigging out a bride is equal to a handsome portion in England; five thousand pounds' worth of lace, linen and gowns is a common thing among them.

6th. Countess d'Albanie and Prince Czartorinsky drank tea with us. The season is so mild that the wood-merchants are quite in despair.

8th. At Versailles to the Duchess de Polignac's. *The* with Mrs. S. and F», where there was dancing. The Queen very gracious | she danced with Lord Strathaven.

The Princess de Lamballe is ill from a bruise on her head, which she got at Raincy by a fall in romping with the little Count de Beaujolois. She is said to be quite a Messalina.

The Queen is reported to have taken

to devotion and ordered no more meat to be served on fast days at her table. The truth is that Madame